



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 7, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC AND CERTIFIED MAIL

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Liz Dupont-Diehl
CT Citizen Action Group
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Hartford, CT 06106

RE: MUR 8048
Fight for Connecticut

Dear Ms. Dupont-Diehl:

This is in reference to the complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission on August 9, 2022, concerning Fight for Connecticut. Based on that complaint, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to dismiss this matter and close the file on May 8, 2024.

The General Counsel's Report, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission's decision, is enclosed. Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson
Acting General Counsel

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Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

1 made in 2022.⁵ Finally, to the extent that the PAC identified by the Complaint might be the
2 Committee, the Response states that Cortese denies receiving any payment from the Committee.⁶
3 The Committee has to date failed to file any of the missing disclosure reports.⁷ The only
4 disclosure report that the Committee filed during the 2022 election cycle, its 2021 Mid-Year
5 Report, showed \$25 in total receipts and \$5,153.47 in total disbursements.⁸

6 Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement
7 Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and
8 assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These
9 criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of
10 activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had
11 on the electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent
12 trends in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low
13 priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low
14 rating, Respondent's statements regarding Committee activity since the last filed report, the
15 vague nature of the second allegation, and the apparent minimal impact of the potential reporting
16 violations, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the Complaint consistent with the
17 Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*; see Fight for Connecticut, 2021 Mid-Year Report (July 12, 2021), <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/173/202107129451017173/202107129451017173.pdf> (showing no disbursements from the Committee to Cortese).

⁷ See Filings, Campaign Finance Data, Browse Data for Fight for Connecticut (last visited Nov. 9, 2023), https://www.fec.gov/data/filings/?data_type=processed&q_filer=C00750711.

⁸ Fight for Connecticut, 2021 Mid-Year Report (July 12, 2021), <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/173/202107129451017173/202107129451017173.pdf>.

1 of agency resources.⁹ We also recommend that the Commission close the file as to all
2 respondents and send the appropriate letters.

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⁹ See *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985).